

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA
June 10, 2003**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, in the board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Ron Antony, Jane Remiger, Louie Sherlin and Chairperson Gary Johnson. Also present were County Attorney Thomas Kramer, County Auditor Carolyn Sherlin, and news reporters Bethany Norgaard, and Dan McGonigle. The chairperson called the meeting to order and the agenda for the day and the minutes of May 27, 2003 were accepted and approved. Commissioners Reports were given on the following topics: Community Corrections, AMC District Meeting, Agriculture Museum, and the ICS.

Rebecca Jackson and Mavis Gustavson discussed the Regional Tourism Program for our area. They pointed out that the community receives many benefits from every dollar that is paid out by visitors to the area. These persons purchase food, gas, lodging and miscellaneous items. They are requesting \$7500 for the tourism project to be included in next year's budget. No action was taken.

At 10:00 am a Public Hearing was held to take public comments on the minor modification of County Ditch 9 where the Highway Department will be removing old bridge No. L-7947 and replace it a three span concrete bridge approximately 78-ft. in length in Hazel Run Township. Present were County Engineer John Johnson, Asst. Engineer Steve Schaub, and Foreman Larry Stoks. There were no members of the public present. The following order was presented:

COUNTY DITCH NO. 9 - ORDER

In Re: Minor Modification Proceeding Affecting County Ditch No. 9

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Department finds it is desirable and necessary to do work on a road designated as Township Road No. 82, and

WHEREAS, such work includes work on or the replacement of a single span steel beam bridge (old bridge no. L-7947) located approximately 1-mile north of Hazel Run, Minnesota, near the between Section 13, T114N, R41W, and Section 18, T114N, R40W, and

WHEREAS, the work on or replacement of said bridge will result in a minor alteration or change in a public ditch system designated as County Ditch No. 9, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change is generally described as the replacement of old bridge no L-7947, a single span steel beam bridge approximately 37-ft. in length, with a three span concrete bridge approximately 78-ft. in length, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of the above named ditch system, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has presented his oral report supporting the above requests and pursuant to M.S. 163.17:

1. That the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners grant authority for the Engineer to proceed to make such alterations or changes at the sole cost and expense of Yellow Medicine County,
2. That said joint ditch authority determine any damages to be paid as a result of this project.

WHEREAS, The Engineer has on file in his office a plan showing in detail the proposed alteration or change.

WHEREAS, the Engineer has identified in that plan any persons damaged by the proposed alteration or change and estimated the amount of these damages.

WHEREAS, the Engineer has filed a written opinion indicating that the proposed alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of County Ditch No. 9.

WHEREAS, a hearing was duly noticed and held on June 10, 2003 at 10:00 AM, at the Commissioner's Room in the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse in Granite Falls, Minnesota, and all interested parties were given the opportunity to speak.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioner grants authority for the Engineer to proceed to make such alteration or changes at the sole expense of Yellow Medicine County.
2. That the Yellow Medicine County Highway Department shall pay persons the fulling damages by reason of the project in the amounts noted below None
3. That the Engineer shall have on file in his office a map and profile drawn to scale showing the alteration or change as completed.
4. That County Ditch No. 9 shall include the alteration or change as ordered herein.

After consideration, Sherlin moved to adopt the above resolution and proceed with the minor modification for County Ditch No. 9. Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Sherlin moved to direct the highway department to repair & put chip seal on Market Street in Clarkfield at a cost not to exceed \$2500. This road was damaged during the process of demolition of the drying plant. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A letter was received from the city building inspector recommending the demolition of the building known as the bathhouse. This structure is located at the city park. The roof and walls are badly deteriorated and the cost of repairs would be more than 50% of its value. After discussion, Anderson, moved to send a letter to the State Historical Society requesting permission to remove it as there is no use for the building and it has no historical value. Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The county attorney explained that the court system has proposed an order relating to the prohibition of concealed weapons in the courthouse and introduced the following resolution. This order refers to the Conceal and Carry legislation

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota has proposed an order relating to the possession of firearms in the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse facilities serving the court, namely the courthouse and the new addition thereto.

WHEREAS, public safety is served by the adoption and implementation of this order:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners does approve the proposed order and authorizes the operation of said order in all facilities serving the court effective immediately.

Sherlin moved to adopt the above resolution, Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The county attorney reported that he is working on a final settlement of the fairgrounds building with the contractor and architect and hopes to report back to the board at the next meeting.

The MCIT board will make a decision on Friday about extending the deadline for submitting the final request for the insurance reimbursement payment of the above.

Extension Director Tamie Bremseth discussed the plans for a strategic planning seminar, which will focus on the future goals of our county and our greatest challenges. Extension Educator Cindy Bigger from Douglas County is available to facilitate the seminar at a cost of \$600. Plans were made to schedule the seminar for 8:00 am on Monday, July 7th with all department managers and board members attending. Remiger moved to proceed with the above plans, Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Antony moved to appoint David Hildahl as a new extension committee member, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A questionnaire was received from the State Extension Office outlining the criteria for a regional extension office. Remiger volunteered to complete questionnaire in conjunction with a member of the Clarkfield City Council. Our goal is to locate the regional center in Clarkfield.

An application for a Fireworks Permit was received from Prairie's Edge Casino for a fireworks display planned for June 29 & July 3 along with a permit fee of \$2. Sherlin moved for approval, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A request was received from SWCA to appoint a person to serve on the USDA Local Workgroup. The purpose of the workgroup is to recommend priority resource concerns in our county. Sherlin moved to appoint Remiger to this group with Antony as alternate and to designate a per diem payment for attendance. Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Remiger moved to approve beer licenses for Ruth's Service, Canby Golf Club, Inc, and American Legion Post 524. Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Discussion was held on the appointment of a new county treasurer since the resignation of Sharon Schuler at the last meeting. Sherlin moved to appoint Joan Johnson as county treasurer, Antony seconded motion. Voting yes: Sherlin. Voting no: Anderson, Antony, Johnson, Remiger. Motion failed.

A letter was received from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority stating that Teri Wolf's term will expire on June 15th. and is not eligible for re-appointment. They request that replacement person be appointed. Remiger moved to advertise to the general public for this position, Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Susan Brickweg discussed the purpose of the Western Minnesota Enterprise Facilitation Network Project. The goal of this organization is to work with current and potential businesses to offer help with various aspects of business management. Local government organizations are being contacted for a monetary commitment in order to hire a facilitator to start the process of coaching business owners on how to run a business, the marketing of the product and the financial portion of the business. Mentors will be paired with business owners to exchange ideas and offer advice. A request for \$5000 from the county was made for the 2003 commitment toward this project. After discussion, Remiger moved to make a commitment for one year to this project and after a review of the annual report, consider future commitments at that time. Anderson seconded motion. Voting yes: Anderson, Antony, Remiger, Sherlin. Voting no: Johnson. Motion carried.

Roger Dale and Dan Stevens, from the Soybean Growers Association, advocates for using Biodiesel fuel at the highway department. Foreman Larry Stoks stated that he supports the use of this fuel, he has checked with manufacturers of highway equipment and they have indicated that this fuel will not harm the equipment. Sherlin moved to direct the highway department to use this fuel whenever possible. Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor. The auditor will send a letter of support for the Soybean Growers Association.

Discussion was held on county board meeting dates for the future. It was decided to re-schedule the Family Service Meetings to the fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 9:00 am. County board meetings will then convene after the Welfare meeting is finished, which should be approximately 11:00 am. This new schedule will start in July 2003. Anderson moved for approval, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The following quotes were received for the fairgrounds lawn mowing job that was advertised and awarded on June 6th by the chairperson and auditor as per instructions from the meeting of June 24th.

Ross Kuchta	\$49
Mark Thorston	\$65
Darold Hansen	\$70
Roy Fairchild	\$75
Dean Van Derostyne	\$100
Harold Larson	\$100
Greg Fox	\$120

Sherlin moved to recognize the low quote above received from Ross Kuchta. Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

It was noted that Sherwood Knutson had sent the chairperson a letter requesting a postponement of the Conditional Use Permit request that was scheduled for today at 1:00 pm. It will be re-scheduled for June 24th.

A request was made from the Family Services Department for a specific designation of funds for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2002. This is necessary for the financial report. Anderson moved to designate \$825,000 as the fund balance needed for operational expenses until a tax settlement is made. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The county attorney reported that the paperwork has been finalized for the acquisition of the Danny Hagen property and the site is ready to sell. Anderson moved to advertise the property for sale by calling for sealed bids, with the option to raise bids at the time of opening. Sherlin seconded motion. All voted in favor.

The following claims were presented for approval:

REVENUE FUND

Advocate-Tribune	1,304.10
Ron Antony	144.72
Aramark Correctional Services	3,725.20
Bailey's Custom Cap Mfg	214.53
Bills Electric	356.50
Richard Blackwelder	132.50
Breezy Point	392.91
Cenex Convenience Card	339.49
Computer Profess Unlimited Inc	2,627.22
Daves Family Foods	253.14
E & C Graphics	1,065.00
Ecolab	256.88
Connie Erickson	159.11
First National Bank	484.28
Myron Hagelstrom	109.87
Heiman Fire Equip Inc	527.17
Keith Helgeson	180.40
Innovative Office Solutions	760.20
Gary Johnson	100.08
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	3,008.00
Thomas Kramer	2,629.82
MN Pathologists Chartered	1,072.35
Prairie Lakes Detention Center	4,725.00
Amy Rager	306.36
Jane Remiger	106.20
Share Corporation	253.45
Tri-County Coop Oil Company	160.63
University of MN-Ag Ext Service	10,674.57
Walmart Community BRC	185.39
Mike Williams	180.00
YM Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	696.00
Payments less than \$100	2,200.08
TOTAL	\$39,331.15

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

A & J Auto Supply Inc	330.05
Advocate-Tribune	370.16
American Communications Inc	521.95
Best Business Products	104.89
Boyer Ford Trucks	131.33
Computer Profess Unlimited Inc	338.92
First National Bank	120.28
Henrich & Sons Inc	5,792.45
IT Solution Group Inc	945.55
M-R Sign Inc	110.59
Martin Marietta Aggregates	2,894.97
Midwest Truck & Parts Inc	315.87
Sturdevant's Auto Supply	102.59

Swift County Highway	2,240.00
Tjosvold Equipment Inc	102.61
Tri-County Coop Oil Company	975.47
Widseth, Smith, Nolting, Inc	3,885.00
Payments less than \$100	<u>1,006.78</u>
TOTAL	\$20,289.46

DITCH FUND

K & K Tiling Inc	840.00
Payments less than \$100	<u>58.58</u>
TOTAL	\$898.58
FINAL TOTAL	\$60,519.19

Meals & Per diems for Revenue in the amount of \$411.98 were also presented. Sherlin moved to approve payment for the above claims, Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor. As all business for the day was completed, the meeting was on motion adjourned.

Chairperson, Yellow Medicine
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Carolyn Sherlin, County Auditor
and Clerk to the County Board